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October 6, 2004

Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr., DR-1 Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Mr. Whitaker:

The Board's staff has reviewed the comment resolution matrix and final revision to the Department of Energy's Guide 414.1-3, Suspect/Counterfeit Items Guide for Use with 10 CFR 830 Subpart A, Quality Assurance Requirements, and DOE O 414.1B, Quality Assurance. The staff has no further comments on this directive, and no objections to its final processing and publication.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (202) 694-7148.

Sincerely,

A imothy J. Dwyer
Directives Lead